

WEEK-END TRAFFIC KILLS TWO, RAISES DEATH TOLL TO SEVEN

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Torrance Herald, GP Refinery Subject of Magazine Article

The Torrance Herald, the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, and General Petroleum's Torrance refinery came in for attention by an internationally-circulated magazine this week.

The Flying Red Horse magazine, published by the Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., Inc., carries a three-page article in its July-August issue, which states: "Baltic California climate and heavy West Coast crude give unique character to this Flying Red Horse unit."

The article points out that General Petroleum's refinery is the second largest of any in the Flying Red Horse companies which include Socony-Vacuum, Magnolia Petroleum Co., General Petroleum, and several others which operate all over the globe. The Flying Red Horse magazine is published for employees of all the affiliated companies, their stockholders, and others interested in the oil industry. It has readers in over thirty foreign countries.

"The refinery also watches the

weather because when it gets down towards 32 degrees, heaters are lighted in the citrus groves. The heaters each burn better than 50 gallons of oil a night. That puts a sudden demand on distributors everywhere that is instantly reflected back to the refinery."

Employees pictured illustrating the article are many pictures of General Petroleum refinery employees including Paul Sanders, Glen W. Bowen, Robert Lenton, Raymond Foster, Lois Edwin, R. E. Lauterbach, A. E. Thompson, Albert Phillip, Sidney Prigg, Thomas Spellman, C. C. Lenarth, "Whitey" Richardson, Bert McCoy, Damon Jacobsen and A. J. Alexander.

The Herald's acting publisher, Jack Baldwin, is shown at his desk and is identified as the "son of a veteran in oil business." Shown with him is Patricia Hillier, classified as clerk, General Petroleum's property tax manager, R. I. Plomert Jr., is shown in front of the Chamber of Commerce building.

The article, written by Flying Red Horse staff writer Mellor Jones, stresses the importance of weather in the operations of the refinery.

"Electric power is produced in California by either burning oil or using water power," says the article. "There's no coal economically available. Heavy snows in the mountains or heavy rains mean ample hydroelectric output and less demand for oil."

Four to Receive High DeMolay Honors Tuesday

The Chevalier Degree, one of the highest awards a DeMolay can receive, will be conferred on four members of the Torrance Chapter of the order in ceremonies here Tuesday evening.

Slated to receive the high honors are Gerald M. McIlwaine, Charles D. Babcock, Frank D. Norris and R. Leroy Swigart.

Only other award, the Legion of Honor, awarded for outstanding leadership and service to humanity, outranks the Chevalier Degree, according to Gilbert F. Roxy, DeMolay Dad.

Paul E. Findley, now serving with the armed forces in Korea, will have the Chevalier Degree conferred on him when he returns next year.

Conferring officers will include grand commander, Homer Rathbun; commander in the west, Paul Burns; Commander in the south, Robert Starks; chaplain, Ray Lougee and marshal, Frank Thompson. All are members of the Torrance Masonic Lodge.

The ceremonies will be open to the public, Roxy reports.

Y to Sponsor Variety Show Next October

Torrance YMCA will sponsor the second annual Community Musical and Variety Revue on Oct. 2, 3 and 4, it was announced yesterday.

Sponsored last year by the Torrance Woman's Club, this year's show will again be under the direction of Geller Productions of Hollywood. The show will be held in the Torrance High School auditorium.

A list of committee chairmen for the production was announced yesterday by Dr. R. R. Smith, chairman of the board of managers of the YMCA.

John Steinbaugh, past chairman of the board, will be in charge of procuring talent for the production; Sam Levy will have charge of the program brochures; and Al Turner and Gil Derouin will head up a ticket sales organization.

Leon Drew, general manager of Geller Productions, told YMCA officials that he is trying to line up Carl Hawley to produce the show again this year. Hawley produced last year's "Three Nights in Torrance."

10 COMPLETE ADVANCED FIRST AID INSTRUCTION

Torrance branch of American National Red Cross again has issued Red Cross certificates to a group of persons completing the Advanced First Aid course. This was announced yesterday by George Powell, First Aid chairman of Torrance Branch

and assistant director of Civil Defense.

"Our instructor, Mrs. Meade Ferguson, of Kottler Knolls, taught this 12-hour course to Dorothy Alexander, Martha E. Alexander, Lillian Ballard, Roy E. Campbell, Alice M. Griggs, Dorothea A. Johnson, Richard E. Kronenberg, Marjorie Lindsey, Clarisse M. Roxy and Joanne Stiss." These persons had previously been instructed by Mrs. Ferguson in the Standard First Aid course which included lessons on Atomic First Aid," Powell said.

Mrs. Ferguson stated that in the event of a disaster, these persons and all others who have taken first aid will be called upon to assist doctors and nurses in shelters care for wounded and injured.

Since many calls are received each week at the Torrance Branch office in regard to the beginning of another Standard First Aid course, Mrs. Ferguson and Powell are tentatively scheduling one during the latter part of September. Persons interested in taking this course may telephone Torrance 3447, 3448 or 1755 to enroll.

Talent Show Performers May Be Stars of Future

Possible future stars now participating in Torrance Park play activities performed last week at the park's annual talent show.

Performers were rewarded with the chance to try out for the city Open House show set for Aug. 28 at the Civic Auditorium.

Gary Von Stees, Marquita Davis, Leonard Thornton, Judy Fredrickson and Janice Fredrickson took part in the afternoon entertainment. About 120 people attended the show.



KILLED BY CAR . . . Youski Nishimoto was killed instantly late Friday night when he was struck by a car while crossing Pacific Coast Hwy. near Ward St. His death was one of two traffic fatalities within a 24-hour period; seven persons also were hurt. Pictured are ambulance attendants Mike Miller, left, and Dave Figueredo, and officers W. Mitchell, at left, and Buck Ingram.

Lottie Phillips Rites Tomorrow

Funeral services for Mrs. Lottie Phillips, 68, wife of William G. Phillips, 2023 Andree Ave., will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 at the Stone and Myers chapel. Rev. Robert A. Young, former pastor of the First Methodist Church here, will officiate.

Mrs. Phillips, who had lived here 36 years, was a native of St. Helens, England. She was a member of the Women of the Moose, Royal Neighbors of America, and a member of the Methodist Church here.

She leaves besides her husband a son, Harry W. Phillips, of Los Angeles, three granddaughters; a sister, Mrs. Eliza Mearing, 2031 Andree Ave.; and three other sisters in the east.

Interment will be in Green Hills Cemetery.

El'l Grass Fire Stirs Crews of Three Stations

A little grass fire caused lots of attention Friday afternoon.

Torrance Fire Department received a radio call from the Redondo Dept. of a fire at 190th St. and Ingewood Ave., and Torrance dispatched Engine 2.

At Torrance Blvd. and Madrid Ave., a freight train halted the fire truck, so a radio call to Redondo started an engine from their station on its way to 190th.

Meanwhile, the County Fire Department received word of a fire at 190th, near Ingewood Ave. and rolled a truck.

By this time the train had moved, Torrance started off again and Redondo was advised to turn back their engine.

The truck, however, with no trains to battle, was first to the fire and quickly snuffed out the blaze. Torrance also was turned back to the station by radio.

Tiff Over Repairs Leads to Law Suit

A dispute over the quality of a brake repair job led to a Pennsylvania visiting relatives here to file a complaint this week for \$40,000 damages from an auto repairman.

The suit, filed in Los Angeles Superior Court by Atty. Don

Armstrong, charges that Virgel Bolles, operator of an auto repair business at 1750 W. Carson St., struck John Baker, visiting here from Pittsburgh, Pa., causing him to lose two teeth.

Baker is seeking \$25,000 general damages, \$15,000 exemplary damages, and special damages amounting to about \$250, his attorney said.

The charges grew out of a dispute occurring on Friday, Aug. 15, when Baker complained that he wasn't satisfied with the work done on his car by Bolles.

Mass Said for Shoe Repairman

Requiem Mass for Leonardo C. Ciavarella, shoe repairman who had his shop at 1216 El Prado, was celebrated at Nativity Catholic church yesterday morning.

Ciavarella, who had been in Torrance six years, died at Torrance Memorial Hospital last Wednesday. Rosary was recited Friday evening at the Stone and Myers Chapel.

He leaves a son, Rocco, of Waterbury, Conn., a son, Angelo, and a daughter, Mary Pignatelli. His widow, Felicia, lives in Italy.

Burial in All Souls Cemetery, Long Beach, followed final services yesterday.

Where's the Fire?

Torrance Fire Department responded to the following calls:

THURSDAY
11:59 a.m., 235th St. and Narbonne Ave., grass fire.
6:01 p.m., 1811 W. 213th St., sulphur plant fire, slight damage.

FRIDAY
1:24 p.m., 2134 W. Sepulveda Blvd., smoke scare.
3:27 p.m., 164th St. and Arlington Ave., grass fire.
3:55 p.m., 190th St. and Ingewood Ave., grass fire.
4:23 p.m., Maple St., near Del Amo Ave., grass fire.
6:38 p.m., 1800 Torrance Blvd., grass fire.

SATURDAY
11:44 a.m., Pacific Coast Hwy. and Newton St., grass fire.
12:21 p.m., Sepulveda Blvd. west of Hawthorne Ave., grass fire.

King to Address Air Force Group

Congressman, Cecil R. King will be guest speaker at the meeting of the South Bay Squadron of the Air Force Assoc., Friday evening, Aug. 29, at the Hollywood Riviera Club, Squadron Commander Clarence A. Hanson announced yesterday.

The Congressman will discuss our present state of preparedness and explain the role of the Air Force in the struggle for world peace.

The meeting, scheduled for 8 p.m., will be open to members of the Air Force Assoc. and all veterans of the Air Force, Hanson said.

Three Receive SC Scholarships

In recognition of outstanding scholastic ability, scholarships have been awarded to three Torrance students by the University of Southern California for the fall semester.

Receiving scholarships are Walter Croskey, 20946 La Salle; David W. Scholl, 815 Beech; and Donna P. Wolf, 21804 Halldale Ave.

Four In Family Hurt In Two-Car Smashup

Two men were killed and seven persons, including a family of four, were injured in a series of spectacular auto crashes which plagued the highways during a 24-hour period starting late Thursday night.

Dead are: Jack E. Storey, 30, of 508 E. 223rd St., an aircraft worker; and Youski Nishimoto, 71, of 24237 Ward St., gardener.

Injured were: Howard Daniel Black, 32, and his wife, Lois, 26, and two daughters, Nana, 4, and Bonnie, 7, of 1735 W. 234th St.; Curtis E. Farrington, 42, of 1524 W. 203rd St.; Raymond Arthur Wilcox, 39, of 23321 Catskill Ave.; and John Albert McLeod, 74, of Wilmington.

Storey was pronounced dead on arrival at Harbor General Hospital early Friday morning after the auto in which he was riding plowed into a telephone pole at 190th and Beryl Sts. following a purported wild race with another car down the dark highway.

On Wild Ride
Police investigators said Storey was riding with Raymond Wilcox and the pair were racing with a car driven by George S. Rush, 24, of Hawthorne, after all had left several Hawthorne beer joints. They were cruising

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Friday's Deaths—2
1952 Torrance Total—7

around on a joy ride, officers said. Wilcox' auto, traveling at an estimated 60 miles per hour, went out of control and crashed into the utility pole, ruck, only 50 feet behind, reported he saw "a cloud of dust and an explosion" swerved, but his car somersaulted and plowed into the wreckage of Wilcox's car.

Storey, tossed from the auto, was killed instantly. Wilcox is suffering from a possible skull fracture and multiple lacerations at Harbor General Hospital.

Youski Nishimoto, who only Wednesday had been warned by traffic officers Buck Ingram and Tom Pattishall not to cross busy Pacific Coast Hwy. at an unlighted stretch of the road, was hurled through the air some 90 feet when he was hit by a car on the highway at Ward St. late Friday night.

Dead on Arrival
The elderly man was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital. Driver of the auto, Mrs. Elizabeth Carpenter, 41, of 1637 W. 266th St., was not held.

The body was removed to Stone and Myers Mortuary, where services are pending. Survivors include a son, Frank, now an MP in Georgia; four daughters and ten grandchildren. Private cremation is planned.

Five persons received painful injuries Thursday night when two cars collided at Western Ave. and Torrance Blvd., according to officers Joe Miles and Harvey Turrintine. At Harbor Hospital suffering serious internal hurts is Curtis Farrington, driver of one of the autos.

The family of four, all Kettler Knolls residents, received cuts, bruises and gashes, and were taken to Harbor Hospital. All were ordered to return for treatment at a later date. Black was driving the other car in the mishap.

In "Fair" Condition
Another highway victim, John McLeod, was listed as in "fair" condition yesterday by a Harbor General Hospital physician, following a mishap at 223rd St. and Avalon Blvd. Friday afternoon. He suffered serious head gashes and possible internal injuries.

He attempted to drive across Avalon Blvd. when his car collided with one driven by Jimmy Stotville, 37, of Long Beach, according to California Highway Patrol officer Brent Gray.

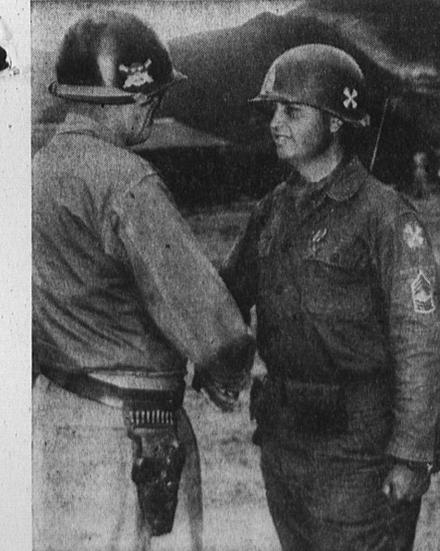
The deaths raised the Torrance traffic death toll to seven for 1952. Two others have been fatally injured in Pacific Coast Hwy. collisions, a tot was killed on 190th St., a Hawthorne Ave. crash cost the life of a young motorcyclist, and a fifth motorist was killed on Western Ave.

Student Speaker At Foursquare
Special speaker at the Foursquare Church this evening will be Wesley Murrin, a senior student at LIFE Bible College in Los Angeles. A chalk artist, Murrin will draw colored pictures to illustrate his sermon from the "Old Rugged Cross."

This service begins at 7:30, and the Rev. Mrs. William Clayton will deliver the morning message at 10:45.



PAINFULLY INJURED . . . Ambulance attendants aid John McLeod, 74, from his wrecked auto after he was involved in a collision at 223rd St. and Avalon Blvd. Friday afternoon. Physicians at Harbor General Hospital yesterday said his condition was "fair."



SERGEANT HONORED . . . Awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in Korea, M/Sgt. General L. Banks, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Banks, Torrance, is here being congratulated by Brig. Gen. Kenneth S. Sweany, X Corps Artillery commander. Banks was operations sergeant of the 19th Field Artillery Battalion.